

House Resolution No. 513

Whereas, the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pauses in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone attainments by Show-Me State residents who are dedicated to maintaining and improving examples of historic resources which illustrate life in the past for the benefit of current and future generations; and

Whereas, Ken Aston of Manchester, Missouri, has devoted himself to restoring his ancestor's farmhouse and accompanying smokehouse/well house, which are known as the Louis H. and Louisa Dependahl Farmstead, for use as a commercial office building; and

Whereas, the Dependahl Farmstead house is one of the few remaining examples of the work of Henry Siebel, the area's largest contractor in the early 1900s; and

Whereas, since Ken Aston took an interest in the extensive refurbishment, reconstruction, and rebuilding that was necessary to open the historically-interesting structures, the surrounding Henry Avenue area has begun to come to life again as similar projects take hold and begin to exert a positive influence on the formerly distressed and blighted rural neighborhood surrounded by urban sprawl; and

Whereas, serving as a focus in the fight against disuse and degradation that can destroy an older area's atmosphere and attractions, Ken Aston will receive a prestigious 2003 Preserve Missouri Award for outstanding commitment to local historic preservation at a special awards ceremony to be held in the State Capitol Rotunda on Wednesday, February 26, 2003; and

Whereas, founded in 1976 as the Missouri Heritage Trust, Missouri Preservation is a grassroots network of individuals, organizations, and commissions from throughout the state with its headquarters centrally located in Columbia, and is the only non-profit preservation organization in the state:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant labors and tremendous success embodied in the work of Ken Aston and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as he receives a well-deserved 2003 Preserve Missouri Award from Missouri Preservation; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Ken Aston of Manchester, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Charles R. Portwood
 District No. 92

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 513, adopted February 26, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker